(b) if so, what are the facts and neces-sary details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any long term phased programme in this regard, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to shortly launch a strategy of establishing joint ventures for exploration of oil, if so, what are the details in that behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The period of ten *years will over 9th Five Year plan* and beyond, Che planning exercise for which is yet to begin.

(d) Government of India has on 15-3-1995 offered 28 blocks—18 Onshorel and 10 Offshore—to Indian and foreign private companies for exploration of oil and gas imder the joint venture exploration programme. The last date for receipt of bids is 15th September, 1995.

एल. पी. जी. सिलण्डरों के मूल्यों में एकरूपता

4604. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्रों में एल. पी. जी. सिलेण्डरों के मूल्यों में एकरूपता लाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की कंपनियों ने एल. पी. जी. का आयात आरंभ कर दिया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो अब तक किए गए आयात का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) आयातित एल. पी. जी. घरेलू बाजार में कब तक उपलब्ध हो जाएगी ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) एल. पी. जी. की समानांतर विपणन योजना के अन्तर्गत निजी कंपनियों को प्रतियोगी आधार पर बाजार निर्धारित कीमतों पर उनके अपने वितरण नेटवर्क के माध्यम से एल. पी. जी. को बेचने की अनुमति है।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) समानांतर विपणन कर्ताओं द्वारा 1994–95 के दौरान 42.7 हजार मी० टन एल. पी. जी. का आयात किया गया है।

(ङ) समानांतर विपणन कर्ताओं द्वारा आयातित एल. पी. जी. को प्राय: वाणिज्यिक एवं औद्योगिक प्रयोक्ताओं को बेचा जा रहा है। कुछ ने घरेलू खपत के लिए भी आपूर्ति करना आरंभ कर दिया है।

Funds for setting up of LFC bottling plants

4605. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated demand and availability position of LPG during 1995-96, as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether any Study has been under-taken so far by his Ministry in this regard; if so, what is the gap between demand and availability of LPG for 1995-96 and 1996-97 and the projections thereof for the next three years and upto 2000 AD, indicating how Government propose to bridge the gap;

(c) what are the locations of new bottling plants, State-wise, company-wise and year-wise; and

(d) what amount of funds for Setting up of bottling plants during 1995—99 is available with the Ministry, including foreign/private sector involvement therefor to meet the shortage of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Before VIII plan, LPG market s'ludies were based on LPG absorption programmes linked with indigenous LPG production from the Refineries and fractionating plants. The primary objective was to reduce kerosend imports. However, growing popularity of LPG as a domestic cooking fuel and highly subsidised price led to high demand potential which exceeded indigenous availability. Keeping in view the growth in wait list, Government asked *the* Oil Industry to draw up a comprehensive LPG demand saturation programme during the VIII plan period, which apart from augmentation of LPG production also included development of LPG import facilities so that the demand gap can be met through imports. Accordingly the VIII plan LPG programme was formulated.

The demand of LPG of the existing customers and the customers proposed to' be enrolled by the Public Sector Oil Companies during 1995-96 is estimated at 3665 TMT. The latest review of VIII plan indicates that the wait list is growing despite increased enrolment. Indigenous production would fall short in 1995-96 and 1996-97 from VIII Plan estimates, due to delay in some of the fractionation Plants Materialisation. The new import facilities at Kandla and Man galore scheduled to come up in 1996-97 would make up for short fall in indigenous production in 1996-97.

A statement showing location of LPO bottling plants being Set up by the Public Sector Oil Companies is enclosed. *(See* below)

The funds required for setting up Dew bottling plants will be met from the internal resources of the concerned oil companies.

Statement

New LPG Bottling plants as per 8th Plati Proposals

Sl. No.	States	Location	Name of Oil Co.
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	Guwahati	IOC
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Cuddapah	IOC
3.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	BPC
4.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	IOC
5.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar	IOC
6.	Delhi (U.T.)	2 [Madanpur Khadar Near Ghaziabad	IOC
7.	Kerala	Quilon	IOC
8.	Manipur		IOC
9.	Mizoram		IOC
10.	Sikkim	Rangbo	IOC
11.	Maharashtra	Akola	IOC

1	2	3	4
12.	Punjab	Patiala	IOC
13.	Rajasthan	Bikaner	IOC
14.	Tamilnadu	Madras	IOC
15.	Tamilnadu	Madurai	IOC
16.	Tamilnadu	Trichy	IOC
17.	Tamilnadu	Madras	BPC
18.	Tamilnadu	Madras	HPC
19.	Tripura	—	IOC
20.	Uttar Pradesh	Farukhabad	IOC
21.	Uttar Pradesh	Meerut	BPC
22.	West Bengal	Culcutta	IOC
23.	West Bengal	Calcutta	BPC
	Bottling Plants Under Revamping/Resitement Proposals		
24.	Andhra Pradesh	Tadepalli/Secunderabad	IOC
25.	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	BPC
26.	Rajasthan	Udaipur	BPC
27.	Karnataka	Belgaum	IOC
28.	Maharashtra	Manmad/Dhulia	IOC
29.	Uttar Pradesh	Sultanpur (Trisundi)	IOC
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	Port Blair	IOC
31.	Tamilnadu	Feruncherry	IOC
32.	Uttar Pradesh	Sultanpur *(Tikaria Indl. Estate)*	BPC

Suspension of work of ONGC in Tripura

4606. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: WiU the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(aj whether Government have finally decided to reduce, and in certain places, to suspend the work of the ONGC in Tripura; and

(b) if so,- the compelling reasons there, for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, *owing to* certain environmental constraints, ONGC is restricting its activities mainly to the western Tripura.

राजस्थान परमाणु विद्युत केन्द्र को पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आपूर्ति

4607. श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान परमाणु विद्युत केन्द्र (आर. ए. पी. एस.) की पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आपूर्ति में चोरी की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की है ;